

**REMARKS**

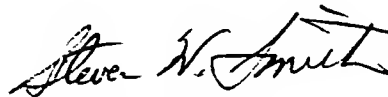
Claims 1-18 remain in this application.

The Abstract has been amended to place it in better form for US practice.

Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven W. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" and last name "Smith" clearly distinguishable.

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